



PTO/SB/21 (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**TRANSMITTAL
FORM**

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Application Number	10764,901
Filing Date	January 26, 2004
First Named Inventor	Michael D. Hillman
Art Unit	Not Yet Assigned
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Attorney Docket Number	29498/30004A

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/
Incomplete Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts
under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 | <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers
<input type="checkbox"/> Petition
<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a
Provisional Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation
Change of Correspondence Address
<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer
<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund
<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication
to Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of
Appeals and Interferences
<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group
(Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please
identify below):
Form PTO-1449
Foreign References cited in Form
PTO-1449 |
|---|--|---|

Remarks

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENTFirm
or
Individual nameMARSHALL, GERSTEIN & BORUN LLP
Scott E. Baxendale - 41,605

Signature

Date

May 4, 2004

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: May 4, 2004

Signature:

(Scott E. Baxendale)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Date: May 4, 2004

Signature:

Scott E. Bazendale
(Scott E. Bazendale)

Docket No.: 29498/30004A
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Patent Application of:
Michael D. Hillman et al.

Application No.: 10/764,901

Filed: January 26, 2004

Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

For: CORDLESS BLIND

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This statement is not to be interpreted as a representation that the cited documents are material, that an exhaustive search has been conducted, or that no other relevant information exists. Nor shall the citation of any document herein be construed per se as a representation that such document is prior art. Moreover, Applicants understand the Examiner will make an independent evaluation of the cited documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR §1.97(b)(3)). Therefore, no certification or fee is required.

Because the present application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patents and published U.S. patent applications cited on PTO-1449 are not attached. See *Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003*, 1273 Off. Pat. Off. Gaz. __, Aug. 5, 2003. Copies of each foreign reference cited on PTO-1449 are attached. A summary/abstract translation of the non-English language references are enclosed where available.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 29498/30004A. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: May 4, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

By: Scott E. Baxendale
Scott E. Baxendale
Registration No.: 41,605
MARSHALL, GERSTEIN & BORUN LLP
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 6300
Sears Tower
Chicago, Illinois 60606-6357
(312) 474-6300
Attorney for Applicants

Form PTO-1449 (Modified)

Atty. Docket No.
29498/30004ASerial No.
10/764,901

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant(s)
Michael D. Hillman et al.Filing Date
January 26, 2004Art Unit
Not Yet
Assigned

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Document Number	Issue or Publication Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date (If Appropriate)
/BJ/	13,251	07/17/1955	Bixler	156	17	
	322,732	07/21/1885	Lang	156	17	
	350,429	10/05/1886	Griswold	242	378	
	842,401	01/29/1907	Goodell	156	17	
	927,090	07/06/1909	Anderson	156	17	
	948,239	02/01/1910	McManus	156	17	
	1,636,601	07/19/1927	Givens	156	17	
	1,669,255	05/08/1928	Landry	160	292	
	1,721,501	07/23/1929	McKee	156	17	
	1,731,124	10/08/1929	Carper	156	17	
	1,789,655	01/20/1931	Iwata	156	17	
	1,863,620	06/21/1932	Carouso	242	377	
	1,951,659	03/20/1934	Kesner	156	17	
	2,037,393	04/14/1936	Roberts	156	17	
	2,049,518	08/04/1936	Schier	156	16	
	2,175,549	10/10/1939	Nardulli et al.	156	17	
	2,250,106	07/22/1941	Lorentzen	156	17	
	2,260,101	10/21/1941	De Falco	156	16	
	2,266,160	12/16/1941	Burns	156	17	
	2,276,716	03/17/1942	Cardona	156	17	
	2,324,536	07/20/1943	Pratt	160	172	
	2,325,992	08/03/1943	Wirthman	160	29	
	2,350,094	05/30/1944	Butts	160	114	
	2,410,549	11/05/1946	Olson	160	34	
	2,420,301	05/13/1947	Cusumano	160	34	

EXAMINER:

/Elair Johnson/

DATE CONSIDERED:

02/08/2008

Form PTO-1449 (Modified)

Atty. Docket No.
29498/30004ASerial No.
10/764,901Applicant(s)
Michael D. Hillman et al.Filing Date
January 26, 2004Art Unit
Not Yet
Assigned**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT****U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Document Number	Issue or Publication Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date (If Appropriate)
BJJ	2,509,033	05/23/1950	Carver	160	84	
	2,520,629	08/29/1950	Esposito	160	171	
	2,535,751	12/26/1950	Nardulli	160	170	
	2,598,887	06/03/1952	Burns	160	170	
	2,609,193	09/02/1952	Foster	267	156	
	2,687,769	08/31/1954	Gershuny	160	170	
	2,824,608	02/25/1958	Etten	160	170	
	2,874,612	02/24/1959	Luboshez	88	60	
	3,141,497	07/21/1964	Griesser	160	170	
	3,194,343	07/13/1965	Sindlinger	185	10	
	3,308,247	03/07/1967	Doersam et al.	191	12.2R	
	3,358,612	12/19/1967	Bleuer	640	64	
	3,371,700	03/05/1968	Romano	160	84	
	3,485,285	12/23/1969	Anderle	160	168	
	3,487,875	01/06/1970	Shukat et al.	160	84	
	3,756,585	09/04/1973	Mihalcheon	267	156	
	3,817,309	06/18/1974	Takazawa	160	84	
	4,055,038	10/25/1977	Conklin, Jr.	57	11	
	4,157,108	06/05/1979	Donofrio	160	263	
	4,205,816	06/03/1980	Yu	248	266	
	4,223,714	09/23/1980	Weinreich et al.	160	309	
	4,326,577	04/27/1982	Tse	160	259	
	4,344,474	08/17/1982	Berman	160	121 R	
	4,398,585	08/16/1983	Marlow	160	23 R	
	4,487,243	12/11/1984	Debs	160	168 R	

EXAMINER:

/Blair Johnson/

DATE CONSIDERED:

02/08/2008

Form PTO-1449 (Modified)

Atty. Docket No.
29498/30004ASerial No.
10/764,901Applicant(s)
Michael D. Hillman et al.Filing Date
January 26, 2004Art Unit
Not Yet
Assigned**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT****U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials	Document Number	Issue or Publication Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date (If Appropriate)
/BJ/	4,574,864	03/11/1986	Tse	160	259	
	4,610,292	09/09/1986	Hausmann et al.	160	120	
	4,623,012	11/18/1986	Rude et al.	160	243	
	4,625,786	12/02/1986	Carter et al.	160	84 R	
	4,631,217	12/23/1986	Anderson	428	118	
	4,647,488	03/03/1987	Schnebly et al.	428	116	
	4,726,410	02/23/1988	Fresh	160	84 R	
	4,852,627	08/01/1989	Peterson et al.	160	84.1	
	4,856,574	08/15/1989	Minami et al.	160	168.1	
	4,862,941	09/05/1989	Colson	160	84.1	
	4,877,075	10/31/1989	Markowitz	160	84.1	
	4,880,045	11/14/1989	Stahler	160	84.1	
	4,886,102	12/12/1989	Debs	160	177	
	4,955,421	09/11/1990	Torti	160	243	
	4,984,617	01/15/1991	Corey	160	84.1	
	5,054,162	10/08/1991	Rogers	16	198	
	5,067,541	11/26/1991	Coslett	160	84.1	
	5,083,598	01/28/1992	Schon	160	84.1	
	5,103,888	04/14/1992	Nakamura	160	171	
	5,105,867	04/21/1992	Coslett	160	84.1	
	5,133,399	07/28/1992	Hiller et al.	160	171	
	5,141,041	08/25/1992	Katz et al.	160	84.1	
	5,157,808	10/27/1992	Stern, Jr.	16	197	
	5,170,830	12/15/1992	Coslett	160	84.1	
↓	5,176,192	01/05/1993	Judkins et al.	160	84.1	

EXAMINER: /Blair Johnson/

DATE CONSIDERED:

02/08/2008

Form PTO-1449 (Modified)	Atty. Docket No. 29498/30004A	Serial No. 10/764,901
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	Applicant(s) Michael D. Hillman et al.	
	Filing Date January 26, 2004	Art Unit Not Yet Assigned

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Document Number	Issue or Publication Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date (If Appropriate)
/BJ/	5,184,660	02/09/1993	Jelic	160	171	
	5,228,491	07/20/1993	Rude et al.	160	171	
	5,274,357	12/28/1993	Riordan	340	550	
	5,313,998	05/24/1994	Colson et al.	160	84.10	
	5,318,090	06/07/1994	Chen	160	171	
	5,320,154	06/14/1994	Colson et al.	160	121.1	
	5,363,898	11/15/1994	Sprague	160	98	
	5,391,967	02/21/1995	Domel et al.	318	254	
	5,413,161	05/09/1995	Corazzini	160	7	
	5,482,100	01/09/1996	Kuhar	160	170	
	5,485,875	01/23/1996	Genova	160	168.1	
	5,531,257	07/02/1996	Kuhar	160	168.1	
	5,706,876	01/13/1998	Lysyj	160	84.05	
	5,855,235	01/05/1999	Colson et al.	160	121.1	
	6,003,584	12/21/1999	Weinreich	160	191	
	6,012,506	01/11/2000	Wang et al.	160	170	
	6,024,154	02/15/2000	Wang et al.	160	170	
	6,029,734	02/29/2000	Wang et al.	160	170 R	
	6,056,036	05/02/2000	Todd et al.	160	84.05	
	6,056,036	05/02/2000	Todd et al.	160	84.05	
	6,079,471	06/27/2000	Kuhar	160	170 R	
	6,095,222	08/01/2000	Voss	160	84.05	
	6,097,471	06/27/2000	Buhr et al.	355	38	
	6,135,189	10/24/2000	Weinreich	160	191	
↓	6,149,094	11/21/2000	Martin et al.	242	373	

EXAMINER: Blair Johnson/	DATE CONSIDERED: 02/08/2008
--------------------------	-----------------------------

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	Atty. Docket No. 29498/30004A	Serial No. 10/764,901
	Applicant(s) Michael D. Hillman et al.	
	Filing Date January 26, 2004	Art Unit Not Yet Assigned

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Document Number	Issue or Publication Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date (If Appropriate)
/BJ/	6,234,236	05/22/2001	Kuhar	160	170	
	6,289,965	09/18/2001	Ruggles	160	170	
	6,330,899	12/18/2001	Ciuca et al.	160	170	
	6,474,394	11/05/2002	Kuhar	160	170	
	6,412,537	07/02/2002	Voss et al.	160	84.05	
	6,491,084	12/10/2002	Voss et al.	160	84.05	
	6,571,853	06/03/2003	Ciuca et al.	160	192	
	6,601,635	08/05/2003	Ciuca et al.	160	170	
	6,644,373	11/11/2003	Palmer	160	168.1R	
	6,644,375	11/11/2003	Palmer	160	84.04	
	6,675,861	01/13/2004	Palmer	160	170	
	6,684,930	02/03/2004	Palmer	160	170	
	6,725,897	04/27/2004	Palmer	160	168.1R	
	2003/0024656	02/06/2003	Ciuca	160	170	
	2003/0094247	05/22/2003	Voss et al.	160	84.05	
	2003/0111191	06/19/2003	Ciuca	160	170	
	2003/0196765	10/23/2003	Ciuca et al.	160	170	

EXAMINER: /Blair Johnson/	DATE CONSIDERED: 02/08/2008
---------------------------	-----------------------------

Form PTO-1449 (Modified)	/BJ/	Atty. Docket No. 29498/30004A	Serial No. 10/764,901
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT		Applicant(s) Michael D. Hillman et al.	
		Filing Date January 26, 2004	Art Unit Not Yet Assigned

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Translation	
				Yes	No
/BJ/	EP 1 039 092	09/27/2000	EP		X
/BJ/	FR 883 709	07/13/1943	FR		X
/BJ/	FR 2 337 809	08/05/1977	FR	Abstract	
/BJ/	DE 40 03 218 A1	08/14/1991	Germany		X
/BJ/	13,798	07/01/1893	United Kingdom		
/BJ/	2 262 324 A	06/16/1993	United Kingdom		

OTHER DOCUMENTS

/BJ/	"The Theory and Design of Long-Deflection Constant-Force Spring Elements", by F.A. Votta Jr., Lansdale, PA (12 pages)
------	---

EXAMINER:	/Blair Johnson/	DATE CONSIDERED:	02/08/2008
-----------	-----------------	------------------	------------